

CHAPTER 4  
SECTION 9.2

## PHOTOPHERESIS

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### I. CPT<sup>1</sup> PROCEDURE CODE

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### II. DESCRIPTION

Photopheresis is a type of plasmapheresis during which white blood cells and some plasma is exposed to ultraviolet (UV) light before being returned to the patient.

### III. POLICY

Photopheresis is covered for the following:

- A. The treatment of skin manifestations of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) in persons who have not been responsive to other forms of treatment.
- B. The prevention of rejection in cardiac transplantation.
- C. For other indications when reliable evidence supports that photopheresis is safe, effective and comparable or superior to standard care (proven).

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